

# The GAZETTE



How can we help limit climate change?

We can all try and be more eco friendly using energy saving light bulbs, walking instead of driving, turning off electrical items when not in use and recycling.



## WORLD NEWS: CLIMATE CHANGE by Freya

the Earth - that is called the 'Greenhouse Effect'.

Why is climate change an issue?

### What is Climate Change?

Climate Change describes the change in the typical weather conditions of a region over a long period of time. This includes things such as high and low temperatures and the amount of rainfall. Scientists have noticed that the Earth is getting hotter; this is called global warming.

### What causes Climate Change?

There are a lot of factors causing Climate Change. These include burning too many fossil fuels (oil, coal and gas) to generate power, cutting down trees, producing food and manufacturing goods! The extra gases from burning fossil fuels and deforestation are trapping more heat from the sun around

Don't think that it is a good thing that the world is getting warmer and we will get nicer weather. Climate Change will actually make the weather more extreme and unpredictable. Some places may get wetter and we may not be able to adapt. It might change seasons, melt ice and cause the sea levels to rise. Increased risk of floods and droughts will impact farming and growing crops.



## NEW HOUSE TEAM NAMES by Nimi

The word democracy comes from the Greek words "demos", meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.

Wood End Park has simulated democracy by voting for new House Team names.

The names that were voted for are:

- Mary Anning
- David Attenborough
- Banksy
- Sacagawea

Here is some information about each of the individuals above and some of their character traits we hope will inspire the students of each House.

Sir David Frederick Attenborough is an English broadcaster, biologist, natural historian and author. While Attenborough's earlier work focused more on the wonders of the natural world, his later work has been more vocal in support of environmental causes.

- Caring
- Diligent
- Positive

Mary Anning was an English fossil collector, dealer, and palaeontologist who became known around the world for the discoveries she made in Jurassic marine fossil beds in the cliffs along the English Channel at Lyme Regis in England.

- Passionate
- Determined
- Ambitious

Banksy is a pseudonymous England-based street artist, political activist and film director whose real name and identity remain unconfirmed. He brings attention to many different issues such as war.

- Humble
- Influential
- Creative

Sacagawea was a Lemhi Shoshone woman who, in her teens, helped the Lewis and Clark Expedition in achieving their chartered mission objectives by exploring the Louisiana Territory. Sacagawea traveled with the expedition thousands of miles from North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean, helping to establish cultural contacts with Native American people and contributing to the expedition's knowledge of natural history in different regions.

- Daring
- Leader
- Motivational



If you're just learning the piano keyboard, first learn the middle row of white keys (C, D, E...). These are the naturals, and they'll serve to orient you.

Now, a sharp (which looks like a pound sign: #) means to play the next higher key. That next key can be either black or white. A flat (which looks like a lowercase 'B': b) means to play the next lower key.

Many beginners are confused by this point, as they think that a sharp or flat means a black key. Sharps and flats are not the black keys.

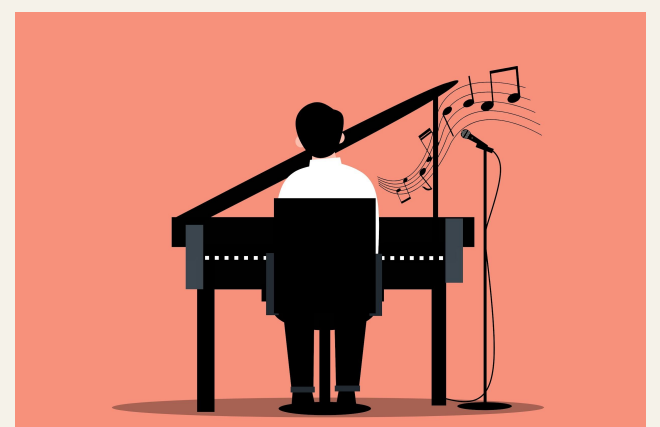
All black keys are either a sharp or flat, but not all sharps and flats are black keys. Remember, an accidental (a sharp or flat) merely means to play the next higher or lower key on a piano, and that next key may be black or white.

Check out this link below for a Virtual Online Piano Keyboard:

<https://www.onlinepianist.com/virtual-piano>

Have fun!

## PERFECT PIANIST by Nimi



# CHINESE NEW YEAR

by Janiska

In order, the 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac are:

Chinese New Year always takes place on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar and this starts the day following the first new moon between January 21 and February 20. In 2023, the Chinese New Year took place on Sunday, January 22.

It's also celebrated by Chinese communities around the world. Lion dance, dragon dance, temple fairs, flower market shopping and don't get too excited there is way more! These are just a few of these rich and colourful activities.

Gifts are usually exchanged, commonly red envelope with money inside.

Did you know that that Chinese New Year – also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival – is the most important celebration that takes place in China and other parts of Asia every year. Almost a quarter of the world's population (that's about two billion people!) celebrate it in some way.

Chinese New Year 2023 is a Year of the Rabbit

- Rat
- Ox
- Tiger
- Rabbit
- Dragon
- Snake
- Horse
- Goat
- Monkey
- Rooster
- Dog
- Pig



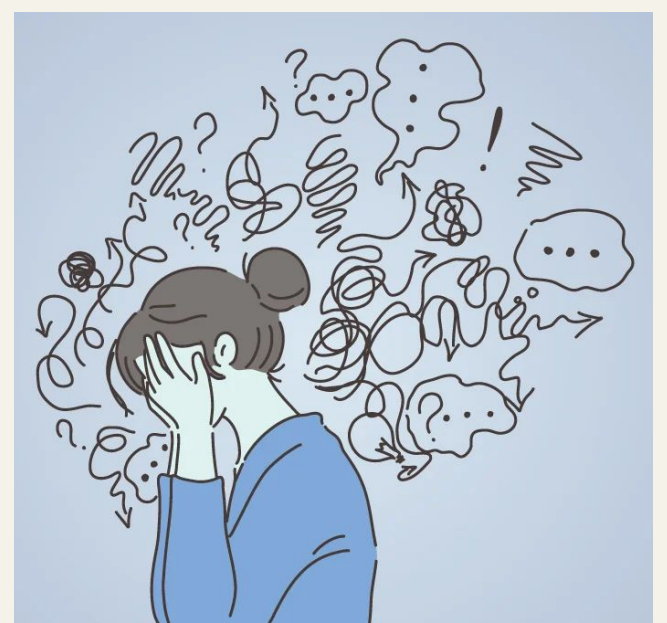
## WORRY BOX

by Neriah & Haleema

If your child often feels worried or anxious, and it's upsetting them or making it difficult for them to think about or do other things, you can try making a worry box together.

Worry boxes are containers into which children can post their anxious thoughts. Children can find them soothing because they:

- Give them a physical way of getting rid of their worries, so they don't need to carry them around anymore.
- Make them feel safer by holding their anxious thoughts for them.
- Help them to understand that thoughts are just thoughts, not real things that happen in the world, and that it's possible to let them go.
- Create a routine for sorting out their worries and sharing them with you.



# EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

by Janiska & Freya

In the early hours of Monday 6 February, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck regions in southern Turkey and northern Syria.

This was followed a few hours later by a second earthquake in the similar region, which had a magnitude of 7.5.

The first quake was so strong it was

felt in various Turkish cities, including the capital Ankara, as well as in neighbouring countries Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has called the quake "the disaster of the century".

The disaster destroyed thousands

of buildings, and affected 10 cities.

The United Nations says about 13.5 million people - including around seven million children - have been affected in an area spanning roughly 450 km (280 miles).

Rescuers have been helping people in both countries.

The WEPA Community have been raising donations to support the victims of the Earthquake.



## WHERE DID THE TURKEY EARTHQUAKE HIT?



In most Earthquake situations, you can protect yourself if you immediately:

- DROP down onto your hands and knees before the earthquake knocks you down. This position protects you from falling but allows you to still move if necessary.
- COVER your head and neck (and your entire body if possible) underneath a sturdy table or desk. If there is no shelter nearby, get down near an interior wall or next to low-lying furniture that won't fall on you, and cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
- HOLD ON to your shelter (or to your head and neck) until the shaking stops. Be prepared to move with your shelter if the shaking shifts it around.



# The WEP GAZETTE

On 15th March, two musicians from all eight Academies went to Western House Academy. They were holding the Young Musician of the Year Awards.

We were represented by Shuthev - Year 5 - who played 'Faded' - Alan Walker as a Piano Solo and Japnjot - Year 4 - who played 'Teentaal, Palta, Thai' on Tabla.

It was a tough competition and both boys did really well receiving compliments from all 3 professional judges. Well done boys, you did us proud!



**YOUNG MUSICIAN  
OF THE YEAR**



## ROCK STEADY

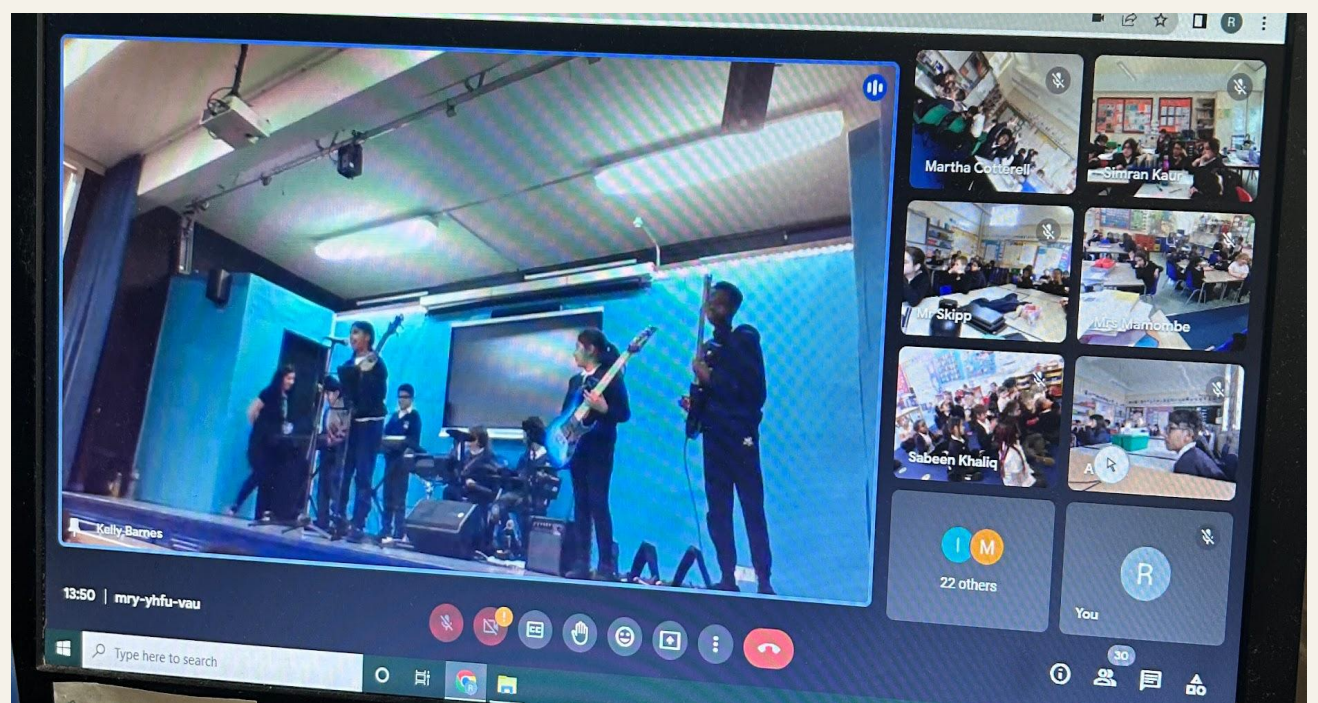
Our four bands have been working hard in our Rock Steady program. Claudia, our fantastic tutor, was beaming with pride as the children performed their first ever concert on 8th March.

Our Key Stage 1 band- The Red Birds- performed a great rendition of Roar. Both guitarists rocked the stage. Our other 3 Key Stage 2 bands performed confidently and professionally: The Purple Sausages of London - Shotgun; The Lightning Werewolves- Best Day of My Life; The Music Monsters- We Will Rock You.

Three classes joined us in the hall with parents and the others all logged in virtually so the whole school could attend.

"The children have worked so hard and in only a few weeks have managed these fantastic performances. I am so proud." Claudia, Rock Steady tutor.

There have been lots more children signing up but we still have vocal spaces left and some Key Stage 1 instruments too.



# The WEP GAZETTE

Who is Dwayne Johnson?

Dwayne Douglas Johnson, also known by his ring name The Rock, is an American actor and former professional wrestler.

How did The Rock become famous?

He gained mainstream fame as a wrestler in World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), originally known as the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), from 1996 to 2004, and was the first third-generation superstar in the company's history.

A big reason why Dwayne Johnson is such a well-liked person comes down to his charisma and authenticity.

Why is Dwayne Johnson inspirational?

He is inspirational because he encourages and supports people through depression, he is strong about anti-racism and he shows that it doesn't matter who you are to become a success.

The Rock is a hero because he takes his fame and helps other people. He is an unselfish man and has a big heart.



INSPIRATIONAL FIGURES:  
DWAYNE 'THE ROCK' JOHNSON  
by Neriah



## SPORTS & WEPA by Aashriya & Diana

A sport is any form of physical activity or game, often competitive and organised, that aims to use, maintain, or improve physical ability and skills while providing enjoyment to participants and, in some cases, entertainment to spectators.

Sports can, through casual or organised participation, improve participants' physical health.

Hundreds of sports exist, from those between single contestants, through to those with hundreds of simultaneous participants, either in teams or competing as individuals.

Examples of sports include: football, basketball, dodgeball, gymnastics, cheerleading, baseball, volleyball, wrestling, martial arts and many more fascinating sports.

This will also keep them in a good physical shape, therefore contributing to a good mindset.

Physical Education (PE) is an important part of the WEPA curriculum, which is taught by Mr Skipp and Mr Ali. This subject is important because it helps children have a creative mindset and build on their physical speed and strength. Many events and tournaments are planned to come up soon, so Mr Skipp will be looking for people to contribute their skills by representing WEPA.



## Q&A with Mr Skipp



Who is your favourite athlete?

“Rafael Nadal, a Spanish tennis player.”

What football team do you support?

“Chelsea.”

Have you ever played on a school team?

“Yes, I was captain of the football team in my secondary school.”



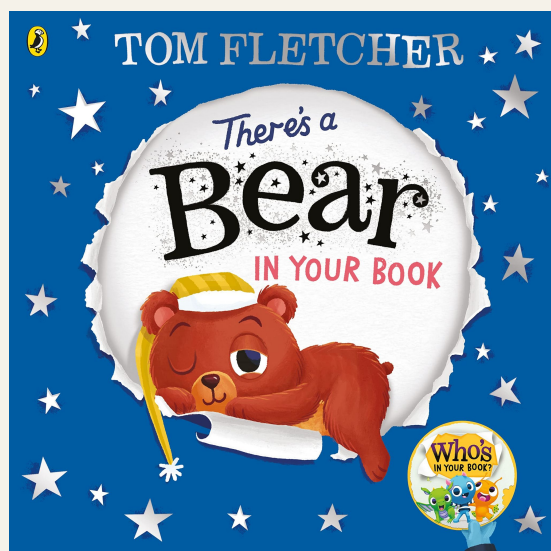
RECOMMENDED READS

by Tan-Tan

Nursery/Reception:

There's a Bear in your Book

This warm, gentle adventure combines interactive fun with a night-time routine to help nursery kids wind down before they go to bed.

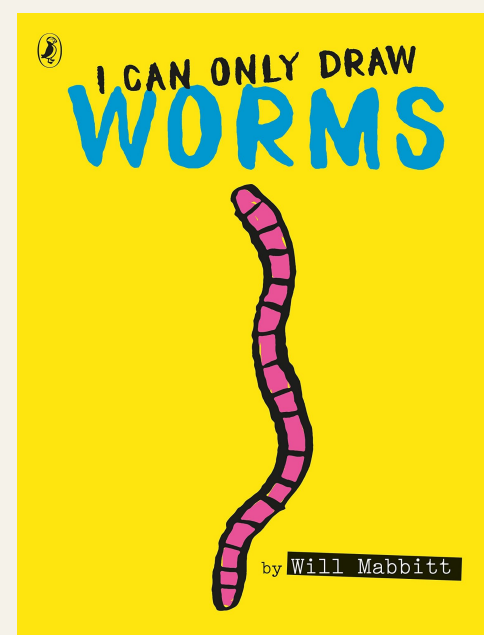


Year 1/2

I can only Draw Worms

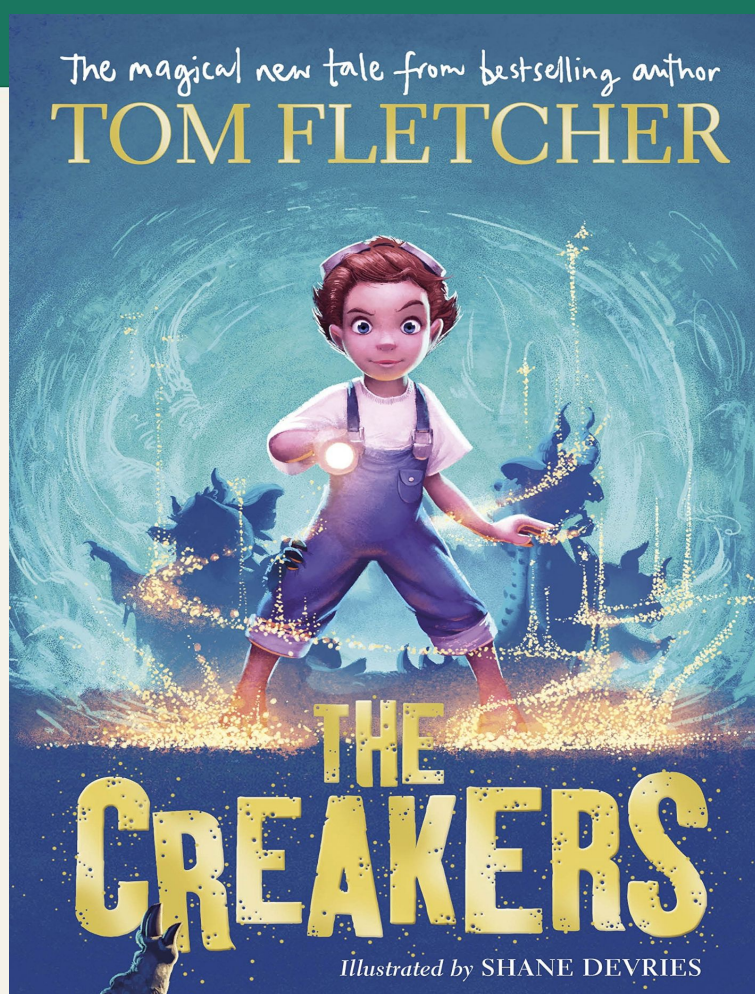
Author: Will Mabbitt

A hilarious picture book in bright, neon colours that are perfect for fans of The Book With No Pictures and The Day the Crayons Quit. This is part counting book, part introduction to worms, but all superbly silly.



Year 3/4: The Creakers

One day, our heroine Lucy Dungston wakes up to find all the adults in her town have completely disappeared. While most of the other kids run wild, Lucy's mind gets whirring on what's really happened, and how she can get them back.



Year 5/6: Select your Superpowers

Choose from nine of the coolest superpowers and go on a mission to save your friends!

Now you can be faster, stronger, invisible, and you can fly, time travel, teleport, walk through walls, freeze time, and even shapeshift into a marvellous creature! It's all up to you!



HISTORY CONCEPTS  
WORD SEARCH

by Haleema & Freya

History is the study of the past. The study of history helps make sense of humankind. It also helps people understand the things that happen today and that may happen in the future. People trained in history are called Historians.

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Monarchy ~ Civilisation ~ Community ~ Chronology  
Culture ~ Empire ~ Society ~ Oppression  
Rebellion ~ Health+Medicine ~ Democracy ~ Politics



**HISTORY**

Can you find all the words and complete the word search?

